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SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT ON TENTH ILO CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN
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1. PLENARY SESSION WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27, OPENED WITH HEATED
COMMENTS BY JAMAICAN MINLAB EXPRESSING DISCONTENT WITH
PROCEDURE DURING FIRST GOVERNMENT GROUP MEETING WHICH HE BELIEVED
IRREGULAR INCLUDING HOLDING AD HOC GOVERNMENT MEETING W/O
INTERPRETERS.

2. VENEZUELAN WORKER DELEGATE SPEAKING FOR HIS GROUP PRAISED
GOM BREAKING RELATIONS WITH CHILE ON PREVIOUS DAY. THIS MOVE
WAS CRITICIZED BY ECUADOREAN EMPLOYER DELEGATE WHO IN TURN WAS
CHALLENGED BY WORKER GROUP PRESIDENT AS HAVING NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE
IN PROCEDURAL MATTERS OF WORKER DELEGATION. THIS SORT OF BICKERING
ONLY FORERUNNER OF WHAT HAS SINCE FOLLOWED. CUBANS HAVE CORNERED
CHILEANS AND VICE VERSA WITH MANY CALLS FOR POINTS OF ORDER
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BEING ACTED ON BY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE, PORFIRIO

MUNOZ-LEDO, MINLAB OF MEXICO. CONFUSION HAS BEEN THE ORDER OF DAY BOTH IN WORKING GROUPS AND IN PLENARY. MUNOZ-LEDO HAS BEEN CHALLENGED ON HIS RULING NOT, REPEAT NOT TO ALLOW A PROGRAMMED SPEAKER DURING PLENARY FROM BEING INTERRUPTED. US AND OTHERS HAVE VOICED DISAGREEMENT WITH RULING WHICH ORIGINALLY BOROUGH ON BY CUBAN DELEGATES SPECIFICALLY NAMING UNITED STATES IN HIS REMARKS.

U.S. AND CUBAN DIFFERENCES ALSO ARISEN IN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TRIPARTISIM WHERE CUBAN AGAIN SPECIFICALLY NAMED U.S. AMERICAN WORKER DELEGATE OTERO IN HIS REMARKS.

3. LACK OF USUAL SECRETARIAL BACKGROUND ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTED TO FACT THAT WHILE US EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS BECAME MEMBERS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE, USG DID NOT. GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, CUBA, EQUADOR, MEXICO, VENEZUELA, SUBSTITUTES: COSTA RICA, JAMAICA, NICARAGUA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

4. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HANDLE RESOLUTIONS. LIVELY DEBATE FINALLY LED TO FORMULATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE: (A) AUTHORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WILL MAKE BRIEF PRESENTATION; (B) ONE ACCUSED, IF ANY, WILL MAKE BRIEF RESPONSE BUT DEBATE PER SE WILL ENSURE; (C) WORKING PART OF FOUR MEMBERS EACH; GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WILL DECIDE UPON ORDER IN WHICH RESOLUTIONS WILL BE EXAMINED AND WILL PREPARE A REPORT OF FINDINGS TO THE FULL SELECTION COMMITTEE; AND (D) SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS REPORT AND IN TURN SUBMIT ITS REPORTS TO PLENARY.

5. OFFICERS FOR THE ILO TENTH AMERICAN STATES CONFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CONFERENCE AFFAIRS: PRESIDENT PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO; VICE CHAIRMAN GOVT - MR. ANTONIO LEIDENZ (VENEZUELA); VICE CHAIRMAN EMPLOYERS - EDWIN NEILAN (US); VICE CHAIRMAN WORKERS - MRS. SHIRLEY CARR (CANADA).

SELECTIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN MR. LARREA SANTOS (ECUADOR); VICE CHAIRMAN EMPLOYERS - YLLANES RAMOS (MEXICO); VICE CHAIRMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKERS - MR. SANCHEZ MADARIAGA (MEXICO).

COMMISSION ON TRIPARTISM: CHAIRMAN MR. FRANCISCO MORALES HERNANDEZ (COSTA RICA); EMPLOYER VICE CHAIRMAN - MR. RICHAN (CANADA); WORKER VICE CHAIRMAN - MR. LOPEZ (ARGENTINA).

COMMISSION ON CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND WORK: CHAIRMAN - MR. PEARL (JAMAICA); EMPLOYER VICE CHAIRMAN - FERNANDO URIBE RESTREPO

(COLOMBIA); WORKERS VICE CHAIRMAN - MR. MERCADO (COLOMBIA).

CREDENTIALS COMM: GOVT. MR. OLMEDO (EL SALVADOR); EMPLOYER -
MR. CHAMBERS (JAMAICA) AND WORKERS - MR. ARTILES (HONDURAS).

GROUP CHAIRMAN: GOVERNMENT - MRS. ROQUE DE MARTINELLI
(ARGENTINA); EMPLOYERS - MR. YLLANES RAMOS (MEXICO); WORKERS,
MR. ANCHEZ MADARIAGA (MEXICO).
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